Wheelchair access to Numbers 55-60 George Square is only possible via No 58

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Numbers 55-60 George Square

A GUIDE TO ACCESS AND FACILITIES

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Disabled Access Guide for 55-60 George Square

Introduction

Numbers 55-60 George Square were built between 1774 and 1775. See Department Locations for More Information

Location

Numbers 55-60 George Square are located on George Square in central Edinburgh. These buildings are located within the city centre and are within two miles of the main halls of residence at Pollock Halls.

The nearest railway line is at Waverley Station in the City Centre.

The nearest bus stops are located on Potterrow approximately 160 metres from Numbers 55-60 George Square. Numerous bus services stop on Buccleuch Street. Details of timetables are available from Lothian Buses, from their offices within the city and online from www.mybustracker.co.uk.

Persons with mobility difficulties arriving by vehicle can access 55-60 George Square from George Square.

Due to building works and the continuing improvements to our campus buildings, circulation adjacent to Appleton Tower (which sits directly behind 55-60) George Square can be restricted; however, full access to Numbers 55-60 Is not restricted.
55-60 George Square Location Map

Main Entrance Access Point (Steps)
Secondary Entrance Access Point (Steps)
Third Entrance Access Point (Steps)
Fourth Entrance Access Point (Ramp) Number 58
Fifth Entrance Access Point (Steps)
Sixth Entrance Access Point (Steps)
Parking

There are numerous parking bays located around George Square but no free parking; all parking bays being permit or pay and display.

Pay and Display Parking

There is ample City of Edinburgh Council pay and display parking located adjacent to Numbers 55-60 George Square. There is level access to this block of buildings from the pay and display parking via a set of bollards. See Location Map

Please note that all pay and display parking is situated on a cobbled surface and is only recommended for wheelchair users with assistance.

Disabled Parking Bays

There are two disabled parking bays located close to Numbers 55-60 George Square and ample parking to the front of the building for disabled badge holders. See Location Map

The first disabled parking bay has a level paved surface and is located adjacent to Number 60 George Square. There is level access to Numbers 55-60 George Square from this disabled parking bay via a dropped kerb and a paved footpath.

The second disabled parking bay has an uneven cobbled surface and is located within the University car park to the rear of Appleton Tower. Please note that this disabled parking bay is located out with 120 metres of Numbers 55-60 George Square and is only recommended for wheelchair users with assistance. (these particular bays are currently not available due to adjacent building works).

University Parking

The closest University car park is located to the rear of Number 55 George Square. This car park has a level tarmac surface and a good number of parking bays. There are additional University car parks located around George Square and Buccleuch Place. See Location Map
If you do not hold a valid permit and require use of a University parking bay, it is recommended that contact is made with your host or the Transport & Parking Office prior to making your journey.

**Outside Access**

There are six individual entrances to this block of buildings. (all doors with the exception of nos 57 and 58 – identified as entrances 3 and 4 have ‘controlled access’)

**Entrance 1**

This entrance is located to the front of **Number 55** on a level stone surface. Entrance 1 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via a flight of stone steps. Steps leading to this entrance incorporate handrails to both sides but do not incorporate contrasting nosings or tactile coverings.

**Entrance 1** consists of a single step and a large single width timber door. This door opens inward, is operated manually and incorporates door handles at an accessible height.

**Entrance 2**

This entrance is located to the front of **Number 56** on a level stone surface. Entrance 2 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via a flight of stone steps. Steps leading to this entrance incorporate handrails to both sides but do not incorporate contrasting nosings or tactile coverings.

**Entrance 2** consists of a single step and a large single width timber door. This door opens inward, is operated manually and incorporates door handles at an accessible height.
Entrance 3
This entrance is located to the front of Number 57 on a level stone surface. Entrance 3 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via two stone steps. Steps leading to this entrance incorporate handrails to both sides but do not incorporate contrasting nosings or tactile coverings.

Entrance 3 consists of a single step and a large single width timber door. This door opens inward, is operated manually and incorporates door handles at an accessible height.

Entrance 4
This entrance is located to the front of Number 58 on a level stone surface. Entrance 4 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via a new ramped access. Steps leading to this entrance do not incorporate contrasting nosings or tactile coverings.

Entrance 4 consists of a stone ramp and a large single width automated opening timber door. This door opens inward.

Note: all doors except at Numbers 57 and 58 (entrances 3 and 4), are controlled access
Entrance 5

This entrance is located to the front of **Number 59** on a level stone surface. Entrance 5 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via two stone steps. Steps leading to this entrance incorporate handrails to both sides.

Entrance 5 consists of a single step and a large single width timber door. This door opens inward, is operated manually and incorporates door handles at an accessible height.

Entrance 6

This entrance is located to the front of **Number 60** on a level stone surface. Entrance 6 provides access to the Ground Floor of the building and can be accessed from the adjacent footpath via two stone steps. Steps leading to this entrance incorporate handrails to both sides.

Entrance 6 consists of a single step and a large single width timber door. This door opens inward, is operated manually and incorporates door handles at an accessible height.
Internal Access

There is currently no level access above or below the Ground Floor of Numbers 55-60 George Square.

Corridors within Numbers 55-60 George Square are narrow and incorporate single width timber doors. These doors are operated manually, will permit the passage of a wheelchair and incorporate door handles at an accessible height. The majority of these corridors have a carpeted surface with the exception of the Basement Floor. There are large areas of tactile flooring located on the Basement Floor of Numbers 55 and 56 George Square.

Access Points Between Buildings

There are access points located on various floors which provide internal access between this block of buildings. Please note that there are steps located at the majority of these access points. All individual and short flights of steps within the buildings incorporate contrasting strips.

See Floor Plans for Locations

The internal access points are listed below:

- There is internal access between Numbers 55 and 59 on the Basement Floor.
- There is internal access between Numbers 59 and 60 on the Ground Floor.
- There is internal access between Numbers 55 and 59 on the Ground Floor.
- There is internal access between Numbers 57 and 58 on the First Floor.
- There is internal access between Numbers 59 and 60 on the First Floor.
- There is internal access between Numbers 57 and 60 on the Second Floor.
- There is internal access between Numbers 55 and 56 on the Third Floor. Please note that this access point is narrow and offers limited head room.
Internal Ramps

There are two corridors within this block of buildings which incorporate ramped sections. Both corridors are carpeted with a shallow gradient. See Basement Floor Plan for Locations

The first ramped section is located on the Basement Floor of Number 55. This ramp is part of an access point between Numbers 55 and 56. The second ramped section is located on the Basement Floor of Number 59 George Square.

There are ramps on the Ground floor, which allow easy access between Numbers 55 to 59. (please see the Ground Floor Plan section)

Reception

There are two receptions located within Numbers 55-60 George Square.

CHSS Reception

This reception is located on the Ground Floor of Number 57 and serves the College of Humanities and Social Science (CHSS). Please note that this reception can also provide directions and information on other departments within this block of buildings. See Contact Information

The reception desk is not within comfortable reach of a wheelchair user and it is currently not equipped with an induction loop system.

LTST Reception

This reception is located on the Basement Floor of Number 55 and serves the Learning & Teaching Spaces Technology department (LTST). There is a call point located to the left of the doorway which is linked to the reception. The reception desk is currently not equipped with an induction loop system. See Contact Information

Lifts

There are no lifts within Numbers 55-60 George Square.
There are six staircases within 55-60 George Square and several short flights of steps. The majority of these staircases incorporate contrasting nosings on steps and all incorporate a handrail to one or both sides. **See the Ground Floor Plan for Locations**

The six staircases are listed below:

**Staircase 1**

This is the main staircase within Number 55 George Square. Staircase 1 provides access between the Basement and Third Floors. This staircase does not incorporate contrasting nosings on steps.

**Staircase 2**

This is the main staircase within Number 56 George Square. Staircase 2 provides access between the Ground and Third Floors.

**Staircase 3**

This staircase is located within Number 57 George Square. Staircase 3 provides access between the Ground and First Floors.

**Staircase 4**

This is the main staircase within Number 58 George Square. Staircase 4 provides access between the Ground and Third Floors.

**Staircase 5**

This is the main staircase within Number 59 George Square. Staircase 5 provides access between the Basement and Third Floors.

**Staircase 6**

This is the main staircase within Number 60 George Square. Staircase 6 provides access between the Basement and Second Floors.
Toilets

Please note that there is currently only one accessible toilet located within the university block identified as Numbers 55-60 George Square. There are standard Male, Female and Unisex toilets located throughout this block of buildings. See Floor Plans for Locations.

Toilets are available as follows:

Number 55

- Standard Male and Female toilets are located on the Ground Floor as well as an accessible toilet
- Unisex toilets are located on the Second Floor.

Number 56

- Standard Female toilets are located on the Ground Floor.
- Unisex toilets are located on the Second Floor.

Number 57

- There are no toilets located within Number 58 George Square.

Number 58

- Unisex toilets are located on the Second and Third Floors.

Number 59

- Standard Male and Female toilets are located on the Basement Floor.
- Unisex toilets are located on the First and Third Floors.

Number 60

- Unisex toilets are located on the First and Second Floors.
Department Locations

Number 55 houses:
- The College Office for the College of Humanities & Social Science.

Number 56 houses:
- The College Office for the College of Humanities & Social Science

Number 57 houses:
- The College Academic Office for the College of Humanities & Social Science.

Number 59 houses:
- College of Humanities & Social Science.

Number 60 houses:
- The College office for the College of Humanities and Social Science.
Floor Plans

Basement Floor Plan – 55-60 George Square

- Ramp
- Fire Exits
- LTST Reception
- F - Female Toilets
- M - Male Toilets
- Standard Toilets
- Internal Access between Buildings
- Staff Breakout Room
- Staff Kitchen
Second Floor Plan – 55-60 George Square

- Standard Toilets
- Internal Access between Buildings
- Staff Kitchen
Third Floor Plan – 55-60 George Square

- Standard Toilets
- Standard Toilets
- Narrow Internal Access Point between Buildings
Opening Hours

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Please note that a key is required to gain access to the buildings after 5pm.

Note: The controlled access to the buildings (after 5pm) is for authorised personnel only.
Contact Information

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